

RICHMOND

PLANNING In 2003, BART, the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC), the Solano Transportation Authority, MTC, and CCTA conducted a study of potential rail extensions from the Richmond BART Station north to the City of Hercules. The Contra Costa – Solano I-80 Rail Study evaluated potential rail alternatives including increasing commuter rail service on the Capital Corridor line, and operating diesel-multiple unit (DMU) trains in existing railroad rights-of-way along the I-80 corridor. The study, which was completed in June, 2003, recommended adding commuter rail service from Sacramento to the Bay Area, and pursuing additional studies on the DMU service option.

In conjunction with the North Richmond Neighborhood House, a local community-based organization, BART is currently conducting an outreach project evaluating residents' use of the Richmond BART Station, and specific access improvements that would encourage future use. This project is funded through a Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant awarded to BART to conduct community-based planning efforts in three low-income neighborhoods in order to expand access to the BART system. Findings from this study will be incorporated in a Comprehensive Station Plan for Richmond that will be completed by June 2004.

DEVELOPMENT In April 1999, the BART Board and Richmond City Council authorized exclusive negotiations with the Olson Company for a mixed-use development project at the Richmond BART Station. The Richmond Transit Village Project will consist of for-sale housing, retail and a cultural arts facility. The plan's proposed parking facility would consist of one floor as designated long-term paid parking. In addition, a new intermodal AC Transit/Amtrak/BART station will be constructed at grade, as part of the transit village. This intermodal station will lead into the existing underground BART Station. A Development Agreement was approved in April 2002 between BART, the City and the Olson Company. Construction of some of the housing began in the Spring 2003.

The City of Richmond is part of a "Main Street USA" program to revitalize troubled downtown districts.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS BART staff has completed installation of three additional new bike racks / lockers at this station. This station is slated for new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles by 2004.

A newly constructed Amtrak platform and elevator opened in summer 2001, providing the only direct connection between BART and the Amtrak/Capitol Corridor service. Since the improvements to the

Amtrak platform, the Richmond Station is one of the fastest growing stations in ridership for the Capital Corridor.

REINVESTMENT This station is scheduled to have the station canopy re-roofed in 2004 and to have new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the parking lot and within the station itself in 2005. These projects are all part of ongoing station renovation program activities.